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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT RE SECURITY FOR AMERICANS
IN DAMASCUS

1. BY NOW YOU HAVE DOUBTLESS SEEN THE REPORT PASSED TO THE SECRET SERVICE BY THE SYRIAN SECURITY APPARATUS CONCERNING YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT AT THE PALESTINIAN CAMP AND THE POSSIBLE DESPERATE ATTEMPTS BY PALESTINIAN EXTERMISTS EITHER TO KIDNAP OR KILL AMERICANS WITH THE ADVANCE PARTY OR THE USINT OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN A EFFORT TO DERAIL YOUR CURRENT DISENGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. IN LIGHT OF THIS REPORT, I HAVE GONE TO THE PALACE IN A DISCREET LOW KEY MANNER AND ASKED FOR INCREASED PROTECTION FOR THE CHANCERY AND THE RESIDENCE, AS WELL AS THE HOUSES OF THE USINT STAFF. I HAVE ALSO ADVISED ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS PRESENTLY IN DAMASCUS TO MINIMIZE THEIR MOVEMENTS IN THE CITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUK AREA, AND TO KEEP US INFORMED AT ALL TIMES OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT MEMBERS OF THE PARTY ON THE PLANE BE CAUTIONED IN A SIMILAR FASHION.

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